

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Delete the subject heading immediately before the last paragraph on page 1.

Replace the second complete paragraph on page 2 with the following version:

“Taking ducts for electrical conductors as a starting point, ~~it is an object of the present invention to provide~~ a fixing duct for pipes that simplifies the pipe installation process, and reduces laying time and costs while doing away with an finishing operation for pipes that remain visible.”